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Senior Meal Programs Receive Funding

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today authorized \$3.86 million to fund meal programs for seniors throughout the County.

“These programs serve thousands of seniors, many of whom are on fixed incomes and often struggle with monthly expenses,” said First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt. “The meals themselves are important, but just as important is the opportunity to interact with others.”

The County contracted with senior centers to operate two programs: one for home delivery of meals and the other to provide communal meals at the senior centers.

Just in the High Desert, the programs have served 123,473 meals to 2,214 seniors during this fiscal year through May 30. Countywide in the past year, the programs provided 281,540 communal meals and 316,644 home-delivered meals.

The High Desert senior centers contracting with the County, along with meals served in the past year and the number of individual seniors served, are below.

<u>Senior Center</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>	<u>Meals</u>	<u>Seniors Served</u>
Barstow Senior Citizens Center	\$157,044	24,347	683
Bonnie Baker Senior Citizens Club (Big River)	\$116,719	14,947	261
Hi Desert Meals on Wheels	\$457,839	76,209	1,100
Hinkley Senior Citizens Club	\$40,131	4,366	103
Lucerne Valley Senior Citizens Center	\$22,175	3,604	67

For information on senior nutrition programs in your area, call (909) 723-1500.